

A bill to entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read a second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia Boundary line;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

Resolution relative to the price of the public lands in this State;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Rogers—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and Finlayson—2.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zippera to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justimani and Maria Isabel Justimani;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad company in relation to the election of directors;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Ramirez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State;

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats, or other water crafts;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Chair announced the following standing committee on Ways and Means, in pursuance to resolution adopted this morning, viz:—Messrs. Magbee, Finlayson, Dawkins, Call and Watlington.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday, three o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, January 28, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Dawkins gave notice that he would on a subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpoenaed.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the common school fund in the counties of Washington and Holmes.

Mr. Magbee moved that the rules be waived to allow him to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hillsboro' county to borrow money;

Which was adopted, and bill placed among the orders of the day.
Mr. Call moved that the vote ordering the bill to make permanent the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of Government, to be engrossed for a third reading on to-day, be reconsidered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future ask leave to introduce the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Holstead R. Hoeg.

Mr. Call, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase taxes;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guard, and railroad crossings;
Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted him, to introduce the following bill, of which he had previously given notice:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets, required by law for the clerks of the Circuit Courts offices of this State, and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 26th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills viz:

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton county, relative to the school fund;

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning replevin;

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others, as amended;

Senate bill to be entitled an act restoring Josiah Bird, of Hamilton county, to the right of suffrage, and other privileges;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

House bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of R. A. Child, deceased; and

House bill to be entitled an act to organize Baker county.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 28th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Martha Harriet McClelland;

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosemond; (Lost in the House.)

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,

Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the State Convention:

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 26, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I herewith transmit to your body the ordinances passed in Convention, at the late session of the people's Convention, not heretofore transmitted to your body:

An ordinance providing for the organization of the army of Florida;

An ordinance construing certain clauses of the Constitution of this State;

An ordinance for the relief of certain persons in Calhoun and Franklin counties;

An ordinance continuing certain offices in this State;

An ordinance relating to a convention of slaveholding States;
 An ordinance on Postal arrangements;
 An ordinance abolishing certain offices; and
 A resolution instructing the delegates to the slaveholding States convention.

Very respectfully,
 WILLIAM S. HARR'S
 Secretary of the Convention.

Which was read.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee on enrolled bills, made the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson, and others;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the express business; and

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepey Williams to that of Nepey Cheshire.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
 Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas-light Company, have instructed me to report the bill back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola, having had the same under consideration, have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate without amendments, and recommend its passage.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to relieve the town council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town, and for other purposes, have instructed me to report the bill back without amendment, and ask that the same do pass.

JAS. T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Corporations made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company, have instructed me to report said bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage with the following amendments, viz.: after the word Foster in ninth line of the third section add at Fernandina, under the superintendence of Joseph Finegan, Henry Temanas and James E. Brown, at Lake city, under the superintendence of Silas N. Niblack, James M. Baker and William W. McCall, at Gainesville, under the superintendence of Tillman Ingram, C. A. Ramsey and J. B. Dawkins, at Micanopy, under the superintendence of G. W. Means, W. Edwards and R. S. Stoughton, at Ocala, under the superintendence of S. St. George Rogers, Robt. Bullock and A. C. Brown, at Sumpterville, under the superintendence of D. G. Leigh, J. A. Lee and A. D. Johnson, at Brooksville, under the superintendence of Felix Simmons, M. C. Peterson and N. W. Holland, at Tampa, under the superintendence of S. B. Tood, William Cooly and John Darling. In the nineteenth and twentieth line strike out the words in the city of Jacksonville, and insert of any paper published in the place when the books are opened, and if none, then in some other convenient paper, and in the twenty-third line of the same section strike out the words at the city of Jacksonville, at the time appointed by the commissioners for the purpose, and insert at the town of Baldwin. In the fourth section strike out in the city of Jacksonville, and insert in East Florida, and section sixteen as follows:

Be it further enacted, That if in the opinion of the directors of the said railroad company a more eligible point for a departure of said railroad to the Georgia line can be found at any point on the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad between Lake city and Baldwin, or on the Florida Railroad between Fernandina and Baldwin or Gainesville, having and keeping in view the most direct line from the Georgia line to the city of Tampa, in the county of Hills-

borough, the said directors shall convene a meeting of the stockholders of the said company giving thirty days notice thereof in some newspaper to be selected by them, and if at the said meeting the route selected by the majority of stockholders, the same shall be adopted as the route of the said railroad, but in that event any stockholder dissatisfied with the same may give notice of his dissent at any time within thirty days by filing a written notice of the fact with the President or Secretary of said company, which act shall entitle the said stockholder to have the amount paid by him on his stock refunded by said company and shall himself cease to be a stockholder therein. Also add—

Sec. 17. *Be it further enacted*, That the twetieth section of the act approved January the sixth (6th), 1855, entitled an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MAGBEE,

Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a petition from eighty-six citizens of Orange county, stating that after mature examination of Weekiver creek and Spring Run a branch of Weekiver, they believe that it would be of much importance and great utility to the counties of Orange, Brevard and Sumpter to clear out the channel of said stream, as they would consequently be made navigable for small sized steamers, thereby affording facilities for trade, and other advantages hitherto unknown in that locality.

The petitioners also state, that the cleaning out of said streams would reclaim thousands of acres of the finest corn and sugar lands in the State, known as swamp and overflowed lands, belonging both to the State by original right, and by the Internal Improvement grant. The petitioners ask that the Legislature grant alternate sections of State and Internal Improvement lands for three miles on either side of those streams to aid and facilitate their contemplated enterprise. Your committee conceiving a favorable opinion of the earnest and respectful application of the petitioners, and being impressed with the probable advantages which may result both to the citizens of those counties and to the State, have thought proper to present the following bill, and recommends its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,

Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the day.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, and other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

A bill to be entitled an act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elected;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a ferry across Holmes' creek;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county, from Hewitts Bluff, to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of government;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line;

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
of the committee.

Mr. Baldwin, from the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, &c.,

REPORT:

That there is nothing in this bill which require the action of your committee, and it is simply a request and order that the Comptroller

may audit and the Treasurer pay such accounts as the County Commissioners of Putnam county may declare that the said Baisden is justly entitled to the sum, your committee recommend its passage,
A. S. BALDWIN, Chairman.

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to which was referred the bill for the relief of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Hopkins.

REPORT:

That they have examined as thoroughly as the time since the references made would permit, but as it would to embody into this report all the facts relating to this subject make the report too voluminous, your committee asks leave to refer the Senate to the journal of the proceedings of the Senate for the session of 1852-3, to the correspondence to be found on pages of said journal from 53 to 88 inclusive, from this correspondence it will be seen that Gen. Hopkins was called into service by the Governor of the State both as a special agent and Major General of the second division of Florida militia, various letters from individuals on the frontier urged upon the Governor the necessity of calling out a large force to protect the frontier against the attacks of lawless Indian bands, and the Governor of the State authorized the said Hopkins as Major General to call out such a force as in his judgment the circumstances required for full protection of white settlers upon the frontier, and he recommended the appointment of two staff officers to the Major General to wit: Arthur Ginn as Quarter Master and Dr. A. S. Speers as Surgeon. And it further appears to your committee, that an amount has been appropriated to the payment of the troops and officers called out at this time in which Gen. Hopkins has been paid a certain amount, and these officers, Ginn and Speer, have been allowed an amount proportionate to their rank with Gen. Hopkins, but subsequently an appropriation to the said Ginn and Speer has been made and paid to them as aids in the staff of Gen. Hopkins as a Major General, while the appropriation for a like pay has failed to Gen. Hopkins from various causes not here necessary to be mentioned. But from the correspondence to which the Senate is referred, and from the action since taken by the Legislature of this State in reference to staff officers, Ginn and Speer. Your committee can come to no other conclusion than that the claim of the said Hopkins is a just one and as he only asks for a balance due him, it is but a simple act of justice on the part of the General Assembly to authorize his claim

to be paid. Hence your committee urge this act of justice upon the Senate and recommend the passage of the bill under consideration.
Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Mr. Brokaw, from the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred back a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. M. West, a Justice of the Peace of Leon county, have had the same under consideration, ask leave to make the following

REPORT:

The committee find upon examination that the amount of fines assessed are \$66.00, and the amount collected, \$32.00, and the amount of E. M. West's bill for cost, \$27.25; the committee think the claim just and correct, and recommend that the same be paid.
P. B. BROKAW, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Chain moved that not less than ten of whom, at least five, shall be residents of this State be inserted after the word associates;

Which was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation, within the corporate limits of said Town, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the second time by its title, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Hopkins;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out all after the word services, and the words "and that the Paymaster General be authorized to pay the same out of the Military fund," be inserted;

Which was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act relating to foreign Guardians;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Finlayson and McQueen—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Bowers, the rule was waived, and the bill placed back upon its second reading for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson and Rogers—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—6.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executions;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill lie on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Rogers and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain and Watlington—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others;

Mr. Rogers moved that the rule be waived to allow him to offer an amendment;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by striking out the third section;

Which was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the defence of certain seaports;

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to offer the following amendment:

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by inserting the words "and no more," after the words "four hundred dollars;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved to strike out the 2d section;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That all expenditures heretofore made or liabilities incurred at either of said points since Jan. 1st, 1861, under pretence of fortifying the same be deducted from said \$500;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, McQueen and Watlington—6.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the bill providing for the defence of certain Seaport Towns be referred to the committee on the Militia, with instructions to report a bill regulating the expenditures on the sea board for fortifications;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one millions of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Bowers—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in the possessions of and to their improvements thereon;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning half past ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, January 29, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday's Journal were dispensed with—the Journal amended and approved.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the Senator from Walton be excused from further attendance on the Senate after to-morrow.

Which was adopted.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Dawkins asked leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpoenaed.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignee;

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would at some future day introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act granting to the State the right of appeal and pre-emptory challenges in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act granting compensation to the several solicitors in civil suits on behalf of the State; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a jury fee in the Circuit Courts.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Incorporations made the following report:

The committee on Incorporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola, have instructed me to report the bill back and recommend its passage with the amendments accompanying the bill.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Incorporations made the following report:

The committee on Incorporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual, Fire and Ma-